

On the Road to Montréal . . .

• In some sections of Quebec, the once-familiar "Haw" and "Gee" may still be heard, as oxen are used for farm work, sometimes incongruously enough yoked to up-to-date machinery, or in the same field with the modern tractor. . . . Nor does this survival indicate any inferiority in Quebec's agriculture as the province stands high in its record of farm production, and its livestock figures largely in the prize lists of national and international exhibitions.



• Distinctive features of the highways of Quebec Province are the wayside shrines (calvaires) encountered every few miles, emblems of the simple and unquestioning faith of the French-Canadian. . . . Some are of a most elaborate nature, with colored life-sized, or heroic, statues of the Christ, the sorrowing Mother, the beloved Disciple and other participants in the world's greatest tragedy.

• Others are plain crosses, with the figure of the Saviour, while still others carry only the hammer, spear and other insignia of the Crucifixion. . . . Whether simple or ornate, these shrines lend an Old-World touch to any motor journey in the Ancient Province.

• An occasional variant, in which modernity and tradition are strangely blended, is a stark cross of trussed and braced structural steel, without embellishment, of which the most striking example is that on Mount Royal, 110 feet high, a landmark visible for miles in all directions by day and night to commemorate the one erected by Maisonneuve, the founder of Montreal, almost three centuries ago.

At right: Scene between Vaudreuil and Pointe-Fortune, Highway 17, one of two routes linking Montreal with Ottawa.

